

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 22, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of Armenians in the United States, and those citizens have enriched our State through their leadership in the fields of business, agriculture, academia, medicine, government, and the arts and are proud and patriotic practitioners of American citizenship.

"From 1915 to 1923, over one-and-a-half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent, fell victim to a state-sponsored genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire.

"Revisionists still inexplicably deny the existence of these horrific events. Only by consistently remembering and openly condemning the atrocities can we prevent future acts of hatred and evil.

"Recognition of the 93rd anniversary of this genocide is crucial to preventing the repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these tragic events."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board declared April 24, 2008 as a "Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 – 1923" throughout Los Angeles County, to secure closure, healing and understanding for those impacted by the Genocide, including the 350,000 Armenian Americans that live in the County.

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